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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION WITH SUBMISSION**

**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows. A marked up version of the claims showing insertions and deletions is attached as Appendix A.

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*B1*  
An orthopedic appliance, comprising a wedge for placement under a toe and not extending under a first metatarsal, the wedge having a top surface adapted to support the toe and a bottom surface, wherein an angle of inclination between the top surface and the bottom surface of the wedge is between 1 and 60 degrees.

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10. An apparatus for orthopedic treatment, comprising:  
a top surface adapted to support a toe and not extending under a first metatarsal;  
a bottom surface; and  
a support which maintains a toe at an angle of inclination between the top surface and the bottom surface.

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18. A method for improving stability of a foot during ambulation, comprising: